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Remarks: Coverage adjustments okay, as Jim was able to stand off BBC zeal to overextend itself in the Near East, and BBC seems to be taking a more realistic attitude toward certain dupli-			
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cations of coverage as operationally advantageous or necessary.

The proposals to coordinate annual leave of certain monitors and to investigate the interchange of monitors are very good and worth backing.

The outlook for Stockholm does not seem bright if we don't put on pressure or render some degree of assistance.

Other little details show that the meeting got down to fine points, an indication that no major difficulties were left unsettled and that the coordinating machinery is fairly smooth.

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Mediterranean Bureau Staff

16 July 1953

Bureau Chief

Notes on London Trip

1. During the recent trip of the Bureau Chief to the BBC and FBIS offices in the U.K., the BBC people were most effusive in their expressions of appreciation for the material this Bureau produces. The Report Editors are very pleased with the breadth of our coverage and the manner of our handling of it, and the News Bureau praised our monitoring and editorial procedures. Editors and monitors of this Bureau, alike, may be assured that the BBC Monitoring Service entertains and expresses the highest regard for the Mediterranean Bureau's operations. Certain specific comments were made which may enable us to dovetail operations a little better, however, and these are passed along herewith:

a. The Editor in Charge of the Middle East Section of the Reports Branch thanked us for the round-ups of broadcast reaction to Mr. Dulles' recent trip around the Middle East. He says such round-ups are most useful, as does the News Bureau. It was requested that we provide such service in the case of British visitors in the Middle East, or in the case of events or statements which might be of chief interest to the British. It is thought that FBIS, Washington, would find such material useful also. The practice is encouraged.

The same Section requested generous use of Editorial Notes simply to keep everybody up to date on relevant information.

The same Section indicated that they feel a "near text" gains force with their consumers if it can be called text, therefore they like to know how close to text what we produce may be. They like our indications of how long a broadcast ran as a way of indicating how full the treatment has been.

b. The Head of the Reception Unit requested that we speed up handling of the 1600 Belgrade show or produce headlines with our proposed method of handling each item indicated. The Acting Chief Editor has this in hand and will issue the appropriate instructions.

c. Other comments have been passed on in conversation with particular persons affected in this Staff.

2. The FBIS London, with whose Staff a conference was held, showed a fine spirit of cooperation with the Mediterranean Bureau. In response to a definite request, they undertook to notify us when ATA or BTA carries text of official Government statements and they will keep an eye on sustained reception outages in London. A closer control of FBIS-BBC messages will be maintained.

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FBIS, London, requested that the Editors of this Bureau keep them informed at all times of coverage and processing decisions reached between BBC, London, and this Bureau. This procedure was emphasized here 24 June (Editors' Log). It is a desirable technique.

In this connection it is agreed that, when News Bureau (NBC) takes over coverage of particular items and undertakes to supply the material, FBIS, London, will assume that FBIS, Cyprus, will not process the same material and will forward NBC material soonest. If we, therefore, plan to supply material at greater length, our editors will so indicate to FBIS, London.

We have also undertaken not to commit FBIS, London, to forwarding to Washington material without consulting FBIS, London, directly - not through NBC.

3. The Minutes of the formal Coverage Coordination meeting have been made available and the attention of the Engineers, Editors, Chief Monitor, and Unit Chiefs is invited to them.



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